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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **WAKI, Minoru et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1714**

Serial No.: **09/916,316**

Examiner: **Callie E. Shosho**

Filed: **July 30, 2001**

**P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 8006**

For: **WATER-BASED INK COMPOSITION FOR INK-JET PRINTING, INK-JET  
PRINTING METHOD USING THE SAME AND PRINTED MATTER**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**  
**- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -**  
**GROUP ART UNIT 1714**

**MAILSTOP AF**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 17, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **February 19, 2004**, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows: